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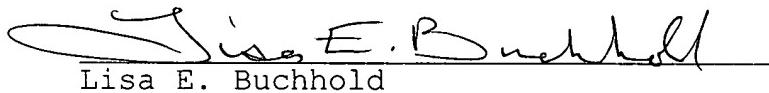
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- (54) **SOCKET ASSEMBLY FOR AN ELECTRIC METER BOX**

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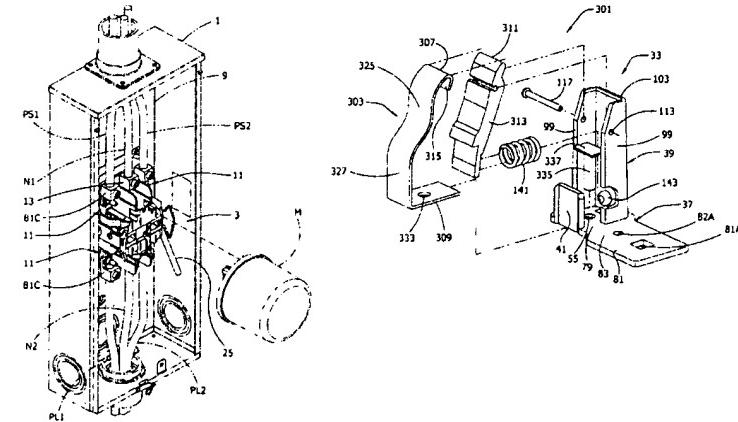
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## ABSTRACT

This invention relates to a socket assembly for a meter box. The socket assembly comprises a plurality of power line connectors for connection to electric power lines of an electric power line system. The power line connectors are adapted to mate with mating connectors of an electric meter. Each of the power line connectors comprises a jaw, a jaw support, a socket and a current diverter. The jaw support comprises a base and a jaw mount extending up from the base mounting the jaw for pivotal movement between open and closed positions. The socket is formed between the jaw and jaw mount for receiving an electrical connector of the electric meter. The current diverter diverts some electric current from the socket along a current path separate from the jaw mount to reduce the amount of current flowing through the jaw mount.

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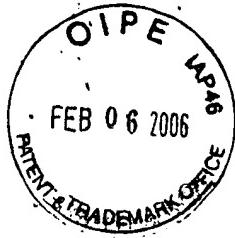
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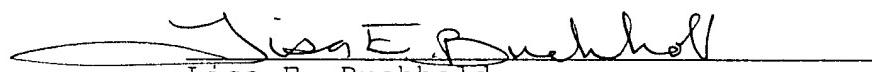
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